SUPREME COURT DECISION

STATE OF NEVADA.

Rosan Gulling, Executor of the Estate of Martin Gulling, deceased.

Respondents

Washoe County Bank,
Appellant,
Mesers Goodman and Webb, Dodge and

Parker, Attorneys for Respondent. Messrs Cheenay and Massey, Attorneys for Appellant,
OPINION

On March 1, 1893, James' Pollock,

is wife Delta and Daniel Powell, who

are admitted to have been the owners at that time, executed to B. U. Stein-

man and C. H. Cummings as trustees,

a trust deed for certain property near Reno to secure the payment of a

promisory note of the same date given by the Pollocks and Powell to

Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank

of Sacramento for \$8,000 and interest. This deed directed the trustees in

case of default in payment, to seil

the property at Sacramento after giv-

ing notice; to apply the proceeds in satisfaction of the note and costs of

sale and to pay any excess to the

On August 31, 1895, the Pollocus

and Powell executed to Martin Gulling

a mortgage on the same premises for

\$2,082.60, and interest thereon trom

that date at eight per cent per annum,

which is sought to be foreclosed in

this action and which specified that

it was given subject to the trust deed.

On February 23, 1897 the Pollocks and

Powell conveyed their interest in the property to Washoe County Bank for

which comprised the amount of \$8,

800, estimated to be due to the Farm

ers and Mechanics Bank of Sacram-

ento on the note secured by the trust

deed and \$5,200 due from the Pollocks

and Powell to the Washoe County

Bank on unsecured notes which were

surrendered to them. On February

Savings Bank commenced suit to re-

cover the amount due on its note stat-

ed at \$8,639.73, and for a forclosure of

amount against the Pollocks, Powell,

Thomas E. Haydon, Henry Anderson,

John Doe, Richard Roe, Michael Doe,

B. U. Steinman and C. H. Cummings

Neither Martin Gulling nor the Wash-

oe County Bank were named as par-

ties in the complaint, but both were

served with summons under the ficti-

cious designations of defendants who

were alleged to have some title, claim

or interest which was second and sub-

ordinate to the right of the Farmers'

and Mechanics Bank arising from the trust deed. On March 8, 1897 Martin

Gulling filed an answer in that action

in which the name of Washoe County

Bank is not mentioned in the title,

body for prayer. It stated that its

allegations were made "in obedience

under the

with the plaintiff, but he alleged

ne execution of the mortgage to him

by the Pollocks and rowell, that other

persons claimed as interest in the premises which was subsequent to his mortgage, and he askes for judgment

interest and attorney fees, for the usual decree of sale, that the proceeds he applied first to the satisfaction of any judgment which Farmers and Mechanics: Bank might obtain, and

second to the payment of any judg-ment he might recover, that he have execution for any deficiency against the Follocks and Powell, and that they,

nomas El Haydon, Heary Anderson

and all persons claiming under them

subsequent to the execution of his mortgage be barred and foreclosed of

all dight claim or equity of re

On March 20, 1897, twelve days after Gulling filed his answer, Steinman and

Cummings, acting as trustees and af-

ter notice given, sold the property at

to the Washoe County Bank for 9,100

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26, 1897, the Farmers' and Mechanics'

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In and for the County of Ormsby.

Defendant

seph W. Bulkley,

A. D. 1905.

Action brought in the District Cowt. of the First Judicial District of the State of Nevada, Ormsby County, and the complaint filed in the said county. in the office of the Clerk of said Divtrict Court on the 24 day of December,

THE STATE OF NEVADA SENDS GREETING TO JOSEPH W. BULKLEY

Defendant. You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named Plaintiff, in the Di triet Court of the arst Judicial District of the State of Nevada Ormany County, and answer complaint fled therein within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the services on you of this Summons is served ...

said county, or if served out of said County, but within the District, tweaty days, in all other cases forty days, or judgment by default will be taken against you according to the prayer of said complaint.

The said action is brought to obtain the judgment and decree of this court that the bonds of matrimony here: School Moneys for 1905, on the basis fore and now existing and uniting you of \$6.99202 per ceasus child: and said plaintiff to be forever annu- Counties led and dissolved upon the ground that at divers times and places since said marriage you have committed adultry with one Kate Cottrell, and particular, ly that from about the 9th day of Ju is 1900 to and including, the 13th day or June, 1900, at the Charing Cross Hotel in the city of London, England, you lived and consbited with

said Kate Cottrell. All of which more fully appears by complaint as filed herein to which

you are hereby referred. And you are hereby notified that if you fail to answer the Complaint, the said Plaintiff will apply to the Cour for the relief herein demanded.

GIVEN under my hand and Seal of the District Court of the First Judicial District of the state of Nevala Ormsby County, this 2d day of Decem-ber, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and Five. H. B. VAN MITTEN, Clerk.

(SEAL). Geo. W. Keith. Atterney for Plaintiff. to Appropriate the Public Waters of the State of Nevada.

and Frank I., Wilder of Carson, County, of Ormsby and State of Nopoints in N B 16 of S W 14 of section 10 T 15 W R 19 E by means of a dam and headgate and five cubic feet po second is to be conveyed to points in N.B. 1. of S. W. 1. of section 11, T. 15 12 E. isy means of a flume and pipe and there used to generate electrical power. The construction of said wastershall begin before June 1, 1605, and shall be completed on or before June 1, 1991. The water shall, be actually applied to a beneficial use or before June 1, 1908.

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STATE OF NEVADA.

Department of Education, Office of Superintendent of Public In-

Carson City, Nevada, July 11, 1905 To the School Officers of Nevada:

Mechanics Bank on the note secured by the trust deed and the sum estimated for costs. Over four months later and on July ..., 1897, Washoe County Bank filed its answer without naming Guilling in the title and prefaced its averments with the recital that "as required by summons served on said Bank and answering said summons and the complaint filed in said action" it made its anegations setting out the execution of the trust children Amt. deed, the sale thereunder and the deeds from Steinman and Cummings as trustees and from the Pollocks and Powell to Washoe County Bank. These facts, and they controlled the court later in its decision in that case, do not purport to be stated against Gulling. But directly after their statement as so alleged in answer to the complaint, follows an allegation in the nature of a conclusion of law, "that the equities of all the other uefendants, including Gulling, were foreclosed and barred," and a demand for a decree accordingly against them and the plaintiff. This answer does not in any part of it purport to allege as

> the record indicates that he offered no evidence regarding it. 4, 1898. The plaintiff, Farmers' and Mechanics Savings Bank, and the de fendants, Washoe County Bank, Gull ing and Anderson, each appeared by counsel and Haydon in person. It is stated in the findings that the plaintiff

a cross complaint or in terms as

against Gulling the sale under the

trust deed by the trustees to Washoe

County Bank, nor does it appear to have been served upon him. He filed

no demurrer, answer or reply to it and

to the interest of plaintiff, thereupon lege against a co-defendant and that rested. That Martin Gulling offered no answer or reply thereto is required Ande wan Washoe County Bank and "the defindants and each of them, having submitted evidence and proofs in support of the issues made by them in their answers, the case was submitted to the court." The fair in-ference from the language and from the fact that he was first to submit proofs is that he introduced evidence to support the allegations of his answer which averred the execution and non-payment of his mortgage, but that other facts alleged in the answer of it, which would have been a waiver and found and declared that the sale and deed made by the trustees was in accordance with the terms of the trust deed and that by such sale and deed all the interest in the property was conveyed to Washoe County Bank clear of Gulling's mortgage, and that the latter was entitled to a judgment against the Pollocks and Powell for the amount due on his note but not to a degree of foreclosure. The findings recite that "defendant Gulling was made a party to the action and was duly served with process therein, and in due time filed his answer to plaintiff's complaint,' but it does not being prepared to meet the statutory appear that there was any other service upon him, or issue made that rendered him liable beyond the allegations and demands of the complaint, or that would cut off his right by reason of the sale by the trustees which did not take place until after he had filed his answer. The court found in both be the amount due the -armers' and Mechanics' Bank and notes held by Pollocks and Powen for \$5,200.00 unmortgage to Gulling, consituted the consideration expressed at \$14,000.09 he might be prepared to meet it. Unfor the deed from them to Washoe County Bank, and that the property pleading and demand or waives serwas worth about that sum at the date vice or issue, he ought not to be of the trustees' sale and the time of bound by any judgment based upon it. the trust deed and sale to satisfy that | the trial.

A blank space in the decree in the Martin Gulling on June 9, 1902 against Washoe County Bank as grantee to foreclose his mortgage so executed on the premises by the Pollocks and Powell before they deeded to defendant, and is now prosecuted by the representatives of his estate. The defendant pleads by way of estoppel,

The important questions under the record and elaborate and interesting briefs are whether the matters of the said that service of the answer of the Washoe County Bank will be presumed, if necessary to support the presumed to the presumed the presumed that the in which it was alleged, and did not was raised against Gulling.

Mumerous cases are cited by appel

On behalf of appellant it is urged lant halding that by going to trial on that the only pleadings provided or all new matter alleged in the answer with lowed by the Practice Act for the al- out a reply thereto, a reply is waive: fendant, and that in determining the selves an answer is the only pleading permissable and that its allegations new matter against a plaintiff. For respondent a different view is taken and it is claimed that under Rose v. cases cited, that ordinarily the delendants in an action are not as between themselves adversary parties, that they become such only when one relief against another, that when this is done they lose their identity as lation of plaintiffs and defendant,

matter which one defendant may al-lege against a co-defendant and that This is well illustrated by the fine nies for a co-defendant facts not al-leged against him but stated in the ment has been niled, or if the cocomplaint, or that an issue would be raised against a co-defendant by the mere filing without service of an ans-wer containing new matter alleged against the complaint of the plaintiff. The answer of Washoe County Bank in the former sult not having been served upon Gulting, and he having here that denial by statute without any pleading in reply is sufficient between co-defendants, such denial ought not to become operative before service. White v. Patton, 87 Cal. 151: Ciements v. Davis, No Ind., 631. To hold otherwise or establish a different practice, might cause litigants to suffer a great injustice. An answer to a complaint ought to be served upon the plaintiff but if it is not he may fault, he could not obtain judgment without being aware of it, and would denial in his behalf of any new matter it alleged. It is different between co-defendants. Usually their interests are not adverse, except to the plain- jurisdiction in any amount. tiff, and one defendant may not expect that another defendant will set up a cause of action and seek a Judg- in Maples v. Geller, 1 Nev., 236. ment against him, and if he does he court records as Gulling could have done for over four months after his Washoe County ank against the answer was filed to ascertain whether any of his co-defendants filed a crosssecured after the execution of the complaint against him, in order that answer was filed, to ascertain whether til he is warned by service of the

ings Bank instead of the Washoe first action for judgment in the County Bank had bought the property amount owing by the Pollocks and at the trustees' sale and relied upon Powell to Gulling on his note and its purchase, necessarily it would have waiver. mortgage remains unfilled. The case pleaded the fact by supplemental now before the Court was brought by complaint, and they would not have been considered denied by Gulling's answer to the original complaint, and without service upon or waiver of service by him, a valid judgment bas-ed upon facts occurring after he had been served with the original complaint and filed his answer thereto, could not have been taken by default the judgment in the former action and against him. In Mitchess v. Mitchell, claims that by it Gulling was, and his executors are barred and foreclosed action of the district court whereby of all right to proceed against Washoe it granted a plaintiff relief not de-County Bank. The district court was manded in the complaint served upon to summons therein issued and served of the opinion that in the earlier suit the defendant. That was pursuant to plaint therein." In this answer he it did not have jurisdiction to make statute, but there is no more reason the judgment effective in quieting the for holding a defendant liable on a statute of appeallant against Gulling, and it has now entered a decree of or pleading and are ross-complaint. foreclosure and sale to actisfy his service, than on one resting on a commortgage, from which this appeal is plaint of a plaintiff which has not plaint of a plaintiff which has not seen served. In neither case should The important questions under the the rights of the parties be concluded

If the Farmers' and Mechanics' Sav-

the trustees sale which took place was served with summons, and the after his answer had been filed, and, findings state that in due time he ptherefore, if any issue existed re-garding this sale it must have been founded on the answer of the Washoe County Bank. On as behalf it is sumed. Galpin v. Page, 18 Wall, 366 urged that the answer of Gulling and the Bank made a direct issue of his right to have the property said the answer of Washoe County Bank to pay his debts, but this is dealing was served upon Gulling in the other with conclusions and not with facts suit and is defective in this vital re-upon which issues are based. Guiling spect. Its allegations follow the facts did not raise any issue regarding the disclosed by the record of the former trustees sale for his only answer was action which show no service, and filed before the sale and before the it states the conclusion that by the answer of the Washoe County Bank filing of the former answer an issue

legation of facts are a complaint by even in states where the statute prothe plaintiff and an answer by a de- vides for one. If this be the rule or dinarily in actions between a rights of co-defendants between them plaintiff and defendant or where by cross complaint new matare deemed denied by statute, when fendant, and the latter appears it states a cause of action against a and introduces evidence in regard to it co-defendant, the same as if it relates the rule ought not to apply to cases the rule ought not to apply to cases Dividends like the present one where the codefendant is in court for other purposes and the answer is in reply to Treadway, 4 Nev., 460, and other the complaint and does not state the new facts as a cross-complaint or cause of action against the co-defend ant, is not served or replied to by him, and he introduces no evidence confiles a pleading in the nature of a cerning it, and other parties participate in the trial. There being no service upon Gulling, no demurrer, ans. Losses paid wer, reply or testimony by him in redefendants and for the purposes of lation thereto, the allegations in the the cross-complaint assume the re- answer of Washoe County Bank staing the facts in relation to the sale and deed by the trustees which conthat the one against whom the cross- and deed by the trustees which con-complaint is filed is of necessity and trolled the court and which are dititled to all the rights of an adver-sary including that of being served against Gulling, are too slender a rate from Chicage, III, \$31.00, St. Leuis

conclusion and direction of the cour and submitted evidence and proofs and thereupon rested and that Henry dent, which we would be reluctant to Ande and Washoe County Bank and establish, to hold that the statute de amount due on his note and mortgage. ment has been niled, or if the court answer of another defendant to the has made a decree of foreclosure in favor of Gulling, both would have been void against the Pollocks and Powell for lack of service as is the judgment against then, based on the trustees sale and it has been held that if one of the parties to a judgment is not bound, the other is not. They had been served by the Savings Bank filed no demurrer, answer or reply to with complaint or summons seeking the foreclosure of the trust deed and Washoe County Bank. The findings of service, we feel constrained to hold filed a demurrer. For the purpose of that it raised no issue against him, the claims of these other defendants and if we concede for the purposes demands they were in court or were bound, but a judgment against the n for the amount or foreclosure of the Gulling note and mortgage, when they had not been served with pleading or process regarding these would have been void. The court has jurisdiction of the subject matter of all questions involved in this litigation, but of the parties no further than they presented themselves or were served with plea iings or process or waived service or be expecting it, or to secure a de issues. If a complaint and summons on a demand for one thousand dollars is served upon a defendant, a judgnot be likely to go to trial without ment for ten thousand would be void. because the district court would have jurisdiction over him to the extent of only one thousand, while as far as subject matter is concerned, it has

The facts were quite different and the principal involved distinguishable There an answer which did not deactions that \$8,800.00, estimated to should not be required to watch the mand judgment upon new matter was filed to the complaint but not served. The question was not between co-defendants. The court said that the filing of the answer gave it jurisdiction over the defendant. Stripped of dicta that decision propertly determined that the filing of an answer to the complaint without service prevents a judgment for the plaintiff by default. While here we hold that property rights cannot be lost or adjudicated upon an answer or pleading by a defendant seeking affirmative relief on new facts against a co-defendant without service or an issue or

Questions are presented upon the record in this case whether or not, under the provisions of the practice act of this State, the answers filed by Martin Gulling and the Washoe County Bank in the suit instituted by the Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank, in so far as they sought affirmative relief against co-defendants, are answers as contemplated by our statute, or whether they are in fact equitable cross-bills. If the latter, whether or not, under the practice act, they are permissible pleadings, and further, if permissible pleadings, whether or not the dismissal of the plaintiff's complaint would not a quire the dismissal of the entire proceeding. These questions, however. case are not deemed necessary to be determined.

The judgment and order of the district court are affirmed. Talbet, J. Filed Nov. 28, 1905. W. G. Douglass,

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Tell your friends that the colemist rates are going into effect March 1st. with, and of having an opportunity of pleading to the cross-complaint, and that the statutes naving failed to designate the methods of pleading between co-defendants equity practice must be followed. If it be conceeded for the argument that the statute as ed upon him to the extent that he had claimed for appellant, design any new waived time or made other issues him.